

Minutes of the 21st Annual Session of the Lebanon Baptist Association

Held with
Ellisville, Church, Ellisville, Miss.
October 20-21, 1915

NEXT MEETING

Place—Immanuel, Hattiesburg, Miss.
Time—Tuesday, After Second Sunday in September, 1916

OFFICERS

M. P. L. LOVE, Moderator	- - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
L. E. LIGHTSEY, Clerk	- - -	Laurel, Miss.
A. POLK, Treasurer	- - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.

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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Lebanon Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 2. The object of the Association may be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 4. Members of the Association shall be entitled to two delegates and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

Art. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its members shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

Art. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only question of doctrine.

Art. 8. The Association shall meet as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer.

Art. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of decisions of order.

Art. 10. The Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismissal may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heretical or disorderly.

Art. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the

New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law given of His church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer or benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches comprising the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in

writing from the church which they propose to represent, which evidence shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

5. No member shall be allowed to speak but once on the same subject, except by permission.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother," when addressing or speaking of each other; and any one failing to observe this rule shall subject himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

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First Day—Morning Session

Ellisville, Miss., Oct. 20, 1915.

The Lebanon Association met in its 22nd, Annual Session, with Ellisville Baptist Church at 11 a. m. and was called to order by M. P. L. Love, the Moderator of the preceding Association.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and prayer by O. D. Bowen of Gulfport, Rev. J. E. Cranford preached the Associational Sermon, taking as his text Neh. 6:3. At the close of the sermon we were led in prayer by Rev. N. R. Stone.

At 11:45 a. m. the order of election was taken up to perfect the organization. M. P. L. Love was re-elected Moderator, L. E. Lightsey was elected Clerk, and A. Polk was elected treasurer. After the usual announcement, and the assignment of homes to messengers and visitors by the committee on hospitality, the Association adjourned to reassemble at 1:30 p. m.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

After singing "Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing," we were led in prayer by Bryan Simons.

The devotional exercises were conducted by C. M. Morris.

A committe on Digest of Lester was appointed—N. R. McCullough, W. A. Beard and Ira Morgan.

The following churches and messengers reported:

Shady Grove—W. F. Bounds.

Heidelberg—Eugene Lyon.

Ellisville—J. L. Lowe, R. Williams, W. S. Bollives, J. A. Tinson, Jeff Collins and Jessie Myers.

Lumberton—J. B. Salmond, L. M. Lee.

Centerville—B. S. Hilbun.

Wausau—Laurel—T. F. Keevan, L. E. Lightsey.

Wiggins—O. N. Herrington, J. T. Cook.

Sumrall—C. M. Morris, R. C. Murry.

Richburg—R. B. Barnes.

Brooklyn—D. A. Hogan, Mack Garaway.

Hattiesburg—(First Church)—A. P. Polk, W. L. Pack, T. J.

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Moore and Gaines Hightower.
Perkinston—R. N. Davis.
Bond—Dr. S. C. Culpepper.
Purvis—Johnnie Hartfield.
West End—Laurel—J. C. Parker, M. C. Martin, Mrs. Geo. Martin.
Tucker's Crossing—W. L. Lightsey, T. B. Hodge.
Sandersville—T. B. Bonner, Ira Morgan.
Red Hill—J. T. Pierce.
Fairfield—J. C. Watkins.
Kingston—Laurel—D. S. Ingram, W. W. Moffett, J. W. Harper and H. Bush.
Helena—J. W. Boone, J. H. Morse, W. A. Robinson.
Immanuel—T. W. Green, J. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Johnson.
Hattiesburg—W. R. Eure, Mrs. W. R. Eure, Claude Bennett and R. W. Bryant.
Corinth—D. McCurdy.
McLaurin—D. W. Estes.
Red Creek Union—J. M. Flurry, E. E. Flurry, F. A. Walker.
Zion Hill—John Davis, Forest Barnes.
Moselle—H. C. Collins, Miss Ethel Shows, Mrs. M. E. Shows.
Mrs. R. Wilborn.
Main Street—Hattiesburg—N. R. McCullough, Geo. Causey, O. D. B. Causey, M. P. Lowe, Mrs. M. E. Thames, Mrs. R. L. Welborn.
Laurel—First Church—L. G. Gates, D. A. Scarborough, W. A. Beard, Henry Clarke, Mrs. W. C. Brown and Mrs. Dr. Jarvis.
On motion, T. B. Bonner and Ira Morgan were recognized as messengers from Sandesville church.
Petitionary letters were called for, and the following churches through their messengers, presented letters, and by vote of the body were received, the moderator extending the messengers, the hand of welcome:—Centerville, Richburg and Red Hill.
The Moderator recognized and welcomed the following visiting brethren: O. D. Bowen, of Gulfport; Bryan Simons, the representative of the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss.; Dr. P. I. Lightsey, editor of the Baptist Record; J. L. Church, Laurel, Miss.; L. C. Carlisle, Methodist minister of Ellisville; H. R. Zigler of Hattiesburg; Mathew Herring, W. N. Montgomery, of Tallahalla Association.
Report on order of business was read by the Moderator and adopted with one change so as to have the Baptist Hospital at 2:45 p. m., today and Temperance at 9:45 a. m. tomorrow.

First Day—Wednesday, October 20th.

11:00 o'clock A. M. Sermon, Rev. J. E. Cranford.

Afternoon.

1:30 P. M. 1st, Devotional.
2nd, Organization.
3rd, Appointment of Committee in Digest of Letters.
2:45 Baptist Hospital.
3:15 Publications.
4:15 Woman's Work.
Announcements and Miscellaneous Business.

Night.

7:15 Devotional.
7:30 Denominational Education.
8:30 Foreign Missions.

Second Day.

8:15 A. M., Devotional.
8:30 Aged Ministers' Relief.
9:45 Temperance.
10:00 Layman's Work.
10:45 Associational Missions.
11:15 State Missions.
12:00 Home Missions.

Afternoon.

1:30 P. M., Devotional.
1:45 Ministerial Education.
2:30 Sunday Schools.
3:15 Orphanage.
4:00 Finance Committee.
Unfinished Business.

B. Y. P. U. Report.

We your committee on B. Y. P. U. respectfully submit the following report:

As the Sunday school is the teaching department of the church, and as other organizations are fostered for specific purposes, the B. Y. P. U. meets the need of training in church membership. If you would express in a term one of the characteristic weaknesses of church membership, you might do so in the word inefficiency. This weakness is easily accounted for in the lack of training. You cannot do what you do not know how to do, neither can you take an interest in whatever is foreign to your experience. Hence, the very small

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thing accomplished by Christian congregations if you compare these things with what might be done. In this splendid day of education and preparedness, how great the pity that there is not better training for the greatest work on earth.

The B. Y. P. U. is the instrument in the church's hands that meets this sad need. The day of its experimental stage is passed. Its value is daily proved, and its place permanently established for a distinctive work. Therefore, since it is recognized for the value which it renders, no church, if it expects to realize an efficient leadership for the future, can afford not to lay special stress on this work. The church that neglects the B. Y. P. U., misses a golden opportunity, and makes a sacrifice that will be most evident in days to come.

In order to ascertain as accurately as possible the condition of B. Y. P. U., work within the Association, your committee addressed a letter to some member of each church, requesting information. Replies were received to several, and wherever B. Y. P. U.'s are, the work is in good condition. The following churches have unions: El- lisville; Hattiesburg, 1st. church; Hattiesburg Main street; Laurel, 1st. church; Laurel, Kingston; Laurel, West End; Laurel, Wausau; Red Creek Union; Sumrall; Wiggins and Purvis.

So the number of unions are ten, and the percentage of churches wisely encouraging them only 31 3-7 per cent. We must conclude, therefore, that the B. Y. P. U., work considered as a whole, in the association, is not entirely satisfactory.

In conclusion, we your committee urgently make the following recommendations: That constant efforts be made by pastors and others interested in the best welfare of God's work, to influence the organization of unions in the 68 4-7 per cent. of churches not now having them. That the unions now in existence will also strive toward this same end, and further, for their own sake that they will endeavor to reach the A-1 standard of excellence; That this Association authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to arrange for the organization of an Associational Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Convention, to secure a place of meeting and arrange for a program, said convention to meet annually thereafter and pursue the work and plans laid down by it. Further, that this committee be instructed to organize themselves and take as their duty during the year the organization of Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s in towns and communities that have no such organizations, and that they visit others with the view of strengthening and encouraging them in this important work.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. G. HIGHTOWER, Chairman.
O. D. B. CAUSEY.
D. S. INGRAM.

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By motion, Shady Grove church was granted a letter of dismission.

Report on Baptist Hospital was presented by J. C. Parker, spoken to by J. C. Parker, Bryan Simons, J. B. Samons, N. R. Stone. A cash collection amounting to \$6.50 was taken and report adopted.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital located at Jackson, Miss., is the property of the Baptist State Convention and is operated under the direction of a Board of Trustees appointed by said Convention. It is open to both pay and benevolent patients, and is the only hospital open alike to all physicians and surgeons. It has a visiting staff composed of many of the leading practitioners of Jackson, to look after the benevolent work, while those who pay are required to select their own doctor.

The original building was an old residence, which with the lot upon which it stood was a gift from some of the leading physicians and surgeons in Jackson. The hospital began work in this building Jan. 1, 1911, and during the first four years more than 1,000 patients were cared for and there would have been many more but for lack of room.

The building was opened for patients Dec. 1, 1914. This building is three stories high and will accommodate about fifty patients. It is constructed of brick and re-inforced concrete. It is both fireproof and sanitary, and is recognized as one of the best buildings of its kind (size considered) to be found in the South.

More than 400 patients have been treated in this building. Of this number, 82 were benevolent and 105 part benevolent patients. Of the whole number, 70 were children, many of whom came from the different orphanages located at Jackson. Ministers of different denominations have been cared for also, and members of their families.

Finances

In order to secure the immediate erection of the much needed building the Trustees issued and sold \$30,000 worth of Bonds, giving as collateral the subscriptions made to the hospital and all the hospital property. Then they borrowed \$5,000 more to help in buying equipment and furnishings. Thus it will be seen that while we have a plant easily worth \$60,000, there is a debt of \$35,000 on it. This money is to be paid annually and must come from the subscriptions made and further contributions.

By the exercise of rigid economy and good business sense and with the aid of contributions of linens and groceries, the hospital has been able to meet running expenses and pay some on equipment notwithstanding the amount of benevolent work done.

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Needs

First. That the recommendations made at the last convention namely that the hospital be listed as one of the regular objects for which offerings are to be made by the churches, and that the churches endeavor to raise \$10,000 for hospital work this year, this to be divided equally between the hospital at Memphis and the one at Jackson.

Second. That all past pledges be redeemed and all others be redeemed as they fall due.

Third. Linens and edibles are always acceptable and aid materially in doing benevolent work.

Fourth. The hospital doesn't want any one to get sick, but inasmuch as they are and the hospital has proven its ability to care for them skillfully and economically and is prepared to care for many more than formerly it needs that we should recommend it to those needing such attention.

Fifth. Your prayers, that the work done there shall be so done as to be gloryfying to God.

J. C. PARKER
JOHN L. DAVIS
H. C. COLLINS
T. B. BONNER

Report on Publication, was read by T. W. Green, discussed by T. W. Green, J. C. Parker, Dr. P. I. Lightsey and adopted.

Report on Publications

There are few things of more importance than the reading matter of the people of today. If one is to keep pace with the life about him, he must read. As civilization has developed reading matter has necessarily developed with it.

One of the things which is of greatest concern to us as Christians is the production of the right kind of religious literature. There are two kinds of literature which might be mentioned just here. The first consists of those books and periodicals which are in the form of permanent literature. There are books which are old, but their messages are as good for us today as they were for the people who lived in the day when they were written. The other kind of literature is needed for the day or the week in which it is written, and not for the day or week following its publication. A great daily paper is considered useless on the day after its publication. So it is with some of the religious news. It needs to be printed today and read today. One of the tasks for Baptists is to keep the religious news of the world before the people in an adequate way. This is what the great dailies are attempting to do in the secular affairs, and we should have nothing but praise for their efforts.

The distribution of the literature is quite as important as the production of it. How shall the religious periodicals and books be gotten into the homes of the people? False literature finds its way and finds it easily. In this the children of darkness seem to be wiser than the children of light. However, we are glad to say that much is being done by Christian people to better these conditions.

1. Your committee wishes to recommend that this association lend its hearty-co-operation in the efforts which are now being put forth for the production and the distribution of an adequate religious literature. We would give special mention of the Baptist Record, Mississippi Baptist, Orphanage Gem, Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, the publications of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, and the tracts and books sent out by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention Board, and the Home and Foreign Boards.

2. We further recommend that this association place itself on record as favoring any sane and definite action by Mississippi Baptists looking toward a broader and more thorough work in the matter of producing and distributing religious literature among the people.

3. We heartily commend the very successful efforts being made by this body in the employment of a missionary colporter through whose efforts many hundreds of valuable books, pamphlets and tracts are annually being introduced into hundreds of homes, along with many subscriptions to our State paper, The Baptist Record, and our other denominational periodicals.

Respectfully, submitted,

T. W. GREEN,
D. A. SCARBOROUGH,
G. W. CAUSEY.

Report on woman's work was read by R. W. Bryant, discussed by L. E. Lightsey, L. G. Gates, M. P. L. Love, and P. I. Lipsey, and adopted.

Report on Woman's Work

For about twenty-seven years our women have been more or less united in their efforts in helping forward the Master's kingdom in all parts of the broad field, as in our state.

They not only aided in financing our great work, but they have done much toward inspiring and educating the young. Miss Lackey is doing much in helping organize Unions over the state. She is continually sending out literature.

In addition to the much work done in the state they are aiding in the support of the Margaret Home Training School for Women.

They are heartily co-operating and helping on all the enterprises which the Baptists are fostering.

The W. M. U's of the Lebanon Association have endeavored in

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the last few years to organize the women all over their territory, and to work up to a more efficient standard among the older societies.

The W. M. U. of the Lebanon Association met yesterday in this church; about twenty unions represented; about three hundred delegates present. They report the very best meeting in the history of the Lebanon Association. It was indeed a great spiritual uplift. The amount contributed this year was far above that of last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Z. W. BRYANT,
JOHN R. CULPEPPER,
JNO. L. JOHNSON.

After necessary announcements, association adjourned with prayer by P. I. Lipsey.

NIGHT SESSION

Devotional service was conducted by N. R. Stone. The report on denominational education was read by Claud Bennett, discussed by Claud Bennett, J. L. Johnson, Bryan Simons, R. W. Bryant, and after a cash collection of \$41.00, the report was adopted.

Brothers, Moderator, and Friends: Mississippi Baptists before the civil war came into possession of Mississippi College for Young Men. For half a century now we have been educating our Baptist boys and preparing them for the Master's service. A graduate of the University of Mississippi recently said, "For the past twenty-five years Mississippi College men have largely dominated in the affairs of Mississippi." If this is true, no higher compliment can be paid to denominational education, nor a more potent argument advanced for the maintenance of the schools. Not until three years ago, however, did we as a denomination decide to give our Baptist girls the same advantage as our boys enjoyed. During these years in which we had not realized our privilege and obligation toward the daughters and mothers of our church, Blue Mountain College and Hillman College did a good part by them. The spirit, which characterizes the denominational colleges is the spirit of loyalty. First, the loyalty of its teachers, and second, the loyalty of the students. If the Baptists throughout the state could feel in their hearts half the loyalty manifested by the students, the future of the colleges would be safe.

Sometimes we hear it said that our christian schools cannot compete with the state schools in equipment. This granted, we would say that no more can state schools compete with christian schools in the development of christian characters. If it is true that the Baptist colleges cannot compete with state schools in equip-

ment, why is it? We say it is because the state schools have behind them the state appropriations. Yes, but another reason is this—some of our ablest Baptists instead of patronizing our denominational colleges and training their boys and girls into our own denominational life, are sending them to state schools, because it takes a little more money. Baptists, rally to your school. Put into them your boys and girls, and your money; hold them up to the Father in your prayers, and in the years further we will not only have Baptist colleges for men and women, second to none in the South, but we will have all over Mississippi God fearing men and women who have been trained for the Master's service. We are convinced that we cannot build the mighty Baptist structure that we need in Mississippi without these institutions. We cannot train intelligent, consecrated Baptist hosts in the future, unless we have intelligent, consecrated christian fathers and mothers in our homes, for after all, the home is our stronghold and we want to build christian homes through the influence of the boys and girls that are trained at colleges maintained by our people.

At the present time the Baptist education committee is engaged in raising \$100,000 for two of the three schools that belong to the Baptists of the state. \$75,000 of this goes to the Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg, and \$25,000 goes to Clark Memorial College at Newton. Rev. W. E. Farr is the financial agent for the commission, and for the time being he is assisted by Prof. John L. Johnson, president of the Woman's College. Your committee recommends that the pastors extend an invitation, if it hasn't already been done, to one of these gentlemen to present the cause of the colleges.

We further recommend that patrons exert their influence in securing students for the denominational schools.

CLAUD BENNETT,
R. L. MURRAY,
R. P. BARNES,
D. W. ESTES.

Moderator appointed committee on resolutions: O. D. B. Causey, D. A. Hogan, C. M. Morris.

Report on foreign missions was presented by T. J. Moore, and after being discussed by T. J. Moore, N. R. McCullough, P. I. Lipsey, Bryan Simons, N. R. Stone, was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tre-

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menacious emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The foreign mission board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen state members representing each state in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches, with 819 out-stations, 33584 church members, 442 Sunday schools with 23,959 scholars, and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war, and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts, but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every association and every state. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.
2. That each pastor in the association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Jour-

nal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

S. C. CULPEPPER,

T. J. MOORE,

W. R. EURE.

After necessary announcements, association adjourned with prayer by O. N. Herrington.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, OCTOBER 21

Devotional service was led by W. R. Alman.

R. N. Davis read the report on aged ministers' relief, and after being discussed by R. N. Davis, Bryan Simons, R. C. Murray, was adopted.

Aged Ministers' Relief.

(By J. A. LEE)

Dear Brethren: I beg leave to submit the following as my report on the above subject:

I suspect every brother who has been asked to write a report for this occasion thinks that he has the most important subject I believe I am right when I say, I know I have the most important one that will come before this body although it may receive less attention than any of them.

Surely man is once a man and twice a child and is almost as helpless in his second childhood as he was in his first. The Savior commanded us to be faithful, and also said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Brethren, to my way of thinking it is nothing short of gross neglect that the Baptist have not provided some more sure and substantial way of providing for those who have given most of their lives to the work of the Lord and are now in a dependent condition.

Surely Luke 16:8, may be rightly used just here: "And his Lord commanded the unrighteous steward because he had done wisely; but the sons of this world are, for their own generation, wiser than the sons of light."

Many of the organizations of the world are wiser than the churches for they have provided for their aged and infirm employes, giving them a pension or retiring them on half salary.

In most cases our aged ministers are put off on less than one-fourth of what they earned when in active labor, and that comes in such a way that many times they feel that they are veritable beggars.

They are not beggars and they should not be made to feel so, and every church in this association should take an offering for

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this cause, even though they have to neglect every other phase of the mission work.

We have in the state over 1,470 Baptist churches and just a few dollars from each one of them would give our retired brethren a handsome support and make them feel like they were appreciated by their denomination. Surely we should look after these dear ones in such a way as to make the sunset of their lives a happy one. May the Lord bless these dear saints of his and put it into the hearts of every Baptist preacher and layman in this association to do a good part by them this fall and winter.

We therefore recommend that a committee of one be appointed in every Baptist church in this association to look after this matter during the month of November, and that the pastors see to it that an offering is made for this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LEE,
R. N. DAVIS,
B. S. HILBURN.

Report on layman's work changed so as to follow the report on associational missions.

Report on associational missions was read by L. E. Lightsey, discussed by L. E. Lightsey, O. N. Herrington, L. G. Gates, J. C. Parker, M. P. L. Love, and others.

On motion time for discussion was extended fifteen minutes, on second motion time was extended indefinitely for the discussion, etc. The following pledges were taken:

Main street church	\$18.58
Perkinson	10.00
J. L. Lowe	10.00
Bond	5.00
1st church, Hattiesburg—Effort by G. Hightower.	
Immanuel—Effort by T. W. Green.	
Helena—Offering.	
W. M. U. (Wiggins)	5.00
Total subscribed	\$48.50
Kingston	\$ 5.00
Cash	
W. M. U., Brooklyn, cash	\$ 1.00
H. C. Collins	1.00
J. C. Watkins	1.00
M. P. L. Love	1.00
N. R. Davis	2.50
L. M. Lee	1.00
W. F. Cook	1.00
O. N. Herrington	1.00
By others	5.50
Total cash	\$15.00

Associational Missions.

The report of the work done this year by your **associational** missionary is as follows:

Revival meetings held	5
Pastorless churches served	3
Churches reached by associational campaign	3
Number of letters written in associational work....	300
Associations attended	3
Number of tracts distributed	3,000
Number of days service	276
Number of sermons and addresses	225
Number of homes visited	1,135
Number of books sold	2,014
Number of books given away	117
Number of conversions	79
Number added to the church by letter	6
Number added to the church by restoration	2
Number added to the church by baptism	28
Number of subscriptions secured for Record	26
Number of renewals secured for Record	99
Receipts for books sold	\$705.04

The following amounts have been received by your **missionary** up to November 1, 1915:

Laurel, 1st church	\$80.00
Laurel, 2nd church	25.00
Laurel W. M. U.	5.00
Laurel, Wausau church	15.00
Laurel, Kingston church	25.00
Lumberton church	4.32
Purvis church	11.00
Sandersville church	3.25
Tucker church75
Eastabutchie church.....	16.25
Big Level church	2.00
Fairfield church	3.60
Corinth church	3.10
Bond church	19.10
Bond W. M. U.	5.00
Hattiesburg Main street church	41.64
Hattiesburg, 1st church.....	46.00
Sumrall church	5.00
Ellisville church	15.00
Ellisville church W. M. U.	5.00
Moselle church	6.10
Brooklyn church	2.16
Benmore	9.25
New Augusta church	1.81

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G. F. Camps	8.25
W. S. Camps	1.00
E. G. Camps	3.00
Soso church	1.75
Oak Grove church	1.00
Pleasant Grove church	1.55
Summerland church	1.00
Greenland church	6.11
Lyman church	4.60
Baxterville church	10.00
Olive church	12.00
Bassfield and Carson churches	3.00
Pine Grove church	24.00
Petal church, by H. Bruce and J. O. McRaney	10.00
Check paid by E. D. Hurst	16.80

Total \$455.24

Donated by your missionary for five weeks loss from work caused by a broken shoulder	\$100.00
Commission on books	208.00
Commission on subscriptions to Record	10.00
Commission on renewals to Record	46.35
Check from A. Polk at the association	76.00
Wiggins church, check by the members	20.00
Kingston church, amount pledged by Paul Harper	5.00

Grand total	\$920.59
Salary	\$1,000.00
Amount paid to November 1, 1915	920.59

Balance due your missionary	\$ 79.41
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I have traveled during this associational year, four thousand four hundred and fifty miles, the most of which was in the bounds of our Lebanon association. I have visited quite a number of infirmaries; hospitals, machine shops, mills, logging camps, jails, in fact, everywhere I felt impressed that I could do good.

I have traveled more out in the rural districts this year than last, and I am led to believe that in many ways I have done more good.

This has been a great year in the work, and yet it has not been entirely free from trials and disappointments, still I am deeply impressed with a consciousness that the skies are brightening around us, and that opportunities to work and win victories for the Master are greater than ever before in this wonderful country.

Our advancing civilization and the establishment of rural and agricultural high schools, have done much to make this part of the

mission work a necessity. Our boys and girls are receiving their primary education, and if we would influence the rising generation of Mississippi for good, we must place in their hands books, papers, periodicals, and tracts, setting forth our distinctive doctrines, for every generation has to be evangelized and indoctrinated. As books, papers and tracts are really the teachers, guides and lawgivers of the world today, it is of great importance to know what class to avoid and what class to choose, for good books and papers are like good companions, they elevate us to a higher and a better life; therefore, we should seek the companionship of the best books and papers.

I have found in quite a number of homes and libraries and reading rooms, books of gilded outsides, while within they are full of depravity. We should steer clear of them and ever remember: "That all that glitters is not gold." Some books we should keep constantly on hand and lay on our hearts, while there are others that should at once be laid upon a fire and burned into ashes.

I have made a prayerful study of the work in hand of distributing the very best literature, and would recommend, that the pastors of every church in this association use their best efforts to create interest in, and influence their people, to the reading of the best literature to be had, and that your associational missionary shall ever have your most earnest prayers and hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. LIGHTSEY,
L. G. GATES,
J. C. PARKER,
J. E. CRAWFORD,
T. J. MOORE.

The report on state missions was read by L. G. Gates, discussed by L. G. Gates, J. C. Parker, N. R. Stone, J. L. Lowe. On motion time for discussion of state missions was extended and after further discussion was adopted.

State Missions.

In every enterprise that is worth while something must be basic; something must be fundamental; the greater the enterprise the greater the need to emphasize the fundamentals. The greatest enterprise ever launched is missions, it is at the very foundation of christianity, in fact it is christianity's heart. In the mission program the plan of evangelizing the world, state missions is fundamental, naturally so, logically so.

First of all, in a strenuous campaign the base of supplies must be sufficient to maintain itself and supply the need at the

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front; secondly, the base of supplies must be kept in touch with the front; and thirdly, the base of supplies must not be cut off from the front.

If there is to be a first place in the mission program, state missions should have that place and should be taken as seriously as any other phase of the mission work.

That state missions may have the place it ought to have and do the work which ought to be done, three things are necessary to keep in mind and to keep in action.

First : A definite program, knowing what is to be accomplished and setting ourselves to the task of accomplishing that thing. Each church must see what every other church sees; every association must see the same goal to be reached. To make this practical each association ought to have a representative on the state mission board and these representatives ought to be elected by their respective associations.

Second: An educational program. How are we to know unless we are taught. Some things are not intuitive. The dissemination of knowledge of the needs of the fields, and of the forces will go a long way toward placing a goal before the eyes of Mississippi Baptists.

Third: An inspiring program. Nothing is more inspiring than knowledge of victory; especially victory in the cause in which one is enlisted and for which one feels personally responsible.

Already our churches have set themselves to the task of making the most of state missions. The little book recently compiled by our secretary and Miss Margaret Lackey (State Mission Manual) ought to be in the library of every layman, as well as in the mind and on the heart of every pastor in our state. Unless our pastors teach it from the pulpit and have it taught from the platform of every department of the church, our people as a whole will not be brought into touch with the base of supplies.

The past year's work will soon be a matter of history. What has been done is glorious; especially in the face of almost a money panic. A brighter day is before us, which has already laid tremendous obligations on us for another year. The Lord of Glory is soon to come, when the knowledge of the Lord will cover Mississippi as the waters cover the sea. He is looking to you and to your church to represent Him until He comes.

Respectfully submitted,
L. G. GATES,
JEFF COLLINS
M. C. MARTIN.
J. M. FLURY.

Report on home missions was read by J. B. Salmond, dis-

cussed by J. B. Salmond, N. R. McCullough, L. G. Gates, J. C. Parker, J. L. Lowe, C. M. Morris, M. P. L. Love, and adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

Lebanon Baptist Association,

Ellisville, Miss., October 20-21, 1915.

Jesus saith unto his disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are already white to harvest."—John 4:35.

The field for the activities of our home mission board is the southern states, Cuba, the Panama canal zone, New Mexico, and the western frontier. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Let us therefore "pray the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth reapers into his harvest." It is a fact that the 22,000,000 southern people who make no profession of religious faith are a ripe field awaiting the reapers, and that Baptists with forty per cent. of the religious membership, have here an opportunity and an obligation greater than any other religious body. What have we done, and what do we propose to do with so great an opportunity? "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."—Luke 12:48.

The following are some of the facts of accomplishment: Southern Baptist home mission work is attended with larger visible results than that of any other religious body. The additions to churches last year through this work were 56,747, of whom 30,861 came by baptism, a much larger ingathering than was ever reported by any other mission board in America. The evangelistic department will report 15,000 additions to churches—more than two-thirds of them by baptism, a record exceeding any formerly established. The enlistment work has won great success in developing the mission spirit in weak and indifferent churches and in strengthening their faith. Our mission schools in the mountain districts are obtaining excellent results at an exceedingly moderate outlay.

For these things let us "Thank God, and take courage."—Acts 28:15. But these successes themselves create a pressing need for more men and more money, and consequently calls for more zeal and better enlistment of our forces at home. We need a more thorough and far-reaching campaign to rally our people to the support of this great cause. A campaign of information and instruction carried on by the pastors of our churches. Our people will respond if the matter is earnestly and intelligently presented to them, "for I bear them record that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge."—Romans 10:2. Yet, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."—Hosea 4:6. Brother Geo. W. Truett said, "No conception of missions is complete that does not contemplate missions to weak and undeveloped churches;

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we may not hope ever to approximate our duty to the heathen world, as long as our people at home are untaught and undeveloped."

Home missions strives to do this. It is the second step, or connecting link, in the three-fold idea of missions comprehended in the great commission embracing state, home and foreign missions. Shall we suffer the work to be crippled or compel them to retrench for lack of funds? Yet brethren, it is a sad fact that our contributions to missions is less than it was last year, and less than it was five years ago. Last year we gave \$1,841.75 to home missions and in 1910, five years ago we gave \$1,887.40. In the last five years our membership has increased 802, yet our total contributions to all missions decreased \$267.55, as compared with 1910. These facts are not intended for discouragement, but to awake us from our lethargy. "Awake to righteousness, for some have not the knowledge of God."—1 Corinthians 15:34. We are well able to take the country for God, in His name and by His help—shall we go up and possess it? "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."—Romans 10:1. In conclusion, allow me to quote to the pastors of our churches these words of the apostle Paul to Timothy: "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine."—1 Timothy 4:6.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. SALMOND, Chairman,
A. POLK,
W. T. BOUNDS,
J. F. COOK.

On motion the order of business was read by the moderator and adopted.

After the usual announcements the association adjourned with prayer by L. E. Lightsey.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

Devotional services conducted by T. W. Green.

Report on ministerial education was read by C. M. Morris, discussed by C. M. Morris, J. C. Parker, J. L. Lowe, and adopted.

Ministerial Education.

This is one of the most needy, one of the most vital and one of the most essential causes fostered by us as a denomination, and should appeal to every man and woman of us.

The day is rapidly passing, if it is not quite passed, when the minister can do efficient not to say acceptable work in our churches even in the more remote rural sections, without thor-

oughly equipping and qualifying himself for the task, by attending some one or more of our schools. This training should make him a better man as well as a better equipped man.

The day is upon us when the people as a whole are being trained along various and sundry lines and many are specializing for their chosen fields of labor; and under God are bringing things to pass. Then, too, the work is becoming more and more a task as it is becoming more complex, with its many societies and organizations. How necessary that the leader of all these be capable and intelligent that he may give to these forces the proper tone and direction, that they may not become a hurt and a hindrance rather than a help. Again, other denominations are training their leaders for service and our cause will greatly suffer by disparity if we fail in this God-given task.

The language of the apostle Paul to young Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God," is inspired of Heaven and should be heeded by God's servants today.

We have in our two schools here in Mississippi, Mississippi College and Clark Memorial, approximately some sixty-five or seventy-five young men preparing themselves for better preaching the gospel, and a goodly number of these will have to have help if they remain in school this present year. And there is nothing with which to help them, but rather a debt of some \$2,000 or more to handicap us.

Might we not well lay this matter to heart and lay our hands to the task of performing the doing of it, and rally our people to the support of this worthy and very needy cause?

Respectfully,

C. M. MORRIS,
W. L. LIGHTSEY,
J. T. PIERCE.

Sunday school report was presented by Gaines Hightower, and after being discussed by Gaines Hightower, P. I. Lipsey, O. D. Bowen, N. R. McCullough, L. G. Gates, J. B. Salmond, on motion, the time for the discussion of reports was extended, and the report was adopted.

Sunday School Report.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

Realizing as we do that the Sunday school is the greatest factor in our church for soul-winning, we recommend that every organized Sunday school in every church, not only be well organized, but be well equipped; such as chairs, tables, blackboards, maps, charts, etc., and to use the literature of our denomination. Also to have an efficient superintendent, secretary, and other of-

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fiers that may be needed, and also a consecrated corps of teachers, teachers' training class, teachers' weekly meetings, a thoroughly graded Sunday school if possible, and a departmental Sunday school if you cannot have both.

The church should give every needed attention to this department of its work. Our bible schools should be the place to teach our people, both young and old, how to become soul winners; mission, bible, history, etc.

We would further suggest that the superintendent and all his officers and teachers stay for the preaching services on Sunday mornings and use their influence to keep the entire Sunday school.

We further recommend that the Lebanon Association have a well organized Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention, and that our state S. S. secretary and B. Y. P. U. field worker give as much of their time as possible to this work, and that this convention co-operate with our state Sunday school B. Y. P. U. convention.

We further recommend "special" days, such as mission days, mother's days, father's days, promotion days, and others that need be.

We note that our church membership is a great deal larger than the enrollment of our Sunday schools. Why is this the case? and should we not go out after our church membership, and if possible show them the importance of the work?

We note with pleasure that our Sunday schools have made a decided increase in their attendance for the year 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. PACK,
W. R. ALMAN,
MACK GARRAWAY.

The report on orphanage was read by J. E. Cranford, spoken to by J. E. Cranford, J. L. Lowe, H. C. Collins, and cash collection of \$3.50 was taken, and the report adopted.

Our Orphanage.

Eighteen years ago the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage was established, to provide a home for homeless children. Since then, about 700 children have received the benefit of the orphanage, many of them reared in the home.

Hundreds of them who spent a longer or shorter time, are now out in the different communities of the state and in other states, and in the main are making good. We have now in the Home 230 children, with many others wanting to come, for whom we have no room.

Our children attend school seven or eight months each year.

Out of school hours, and during vacation, they are taught to do all manner of domestic work: Our girls doing the cooking, general house work, washing, ironing and sewing; our boys doing the hauling, general farm work, caring for the stock, and running the machinery. Some of the children each year get the training in the printing office, getting out the Gem each month and doing some job work.

Our Home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. A goodly number of Sunday schools are now sending regularly each month, many of them five dollars, which supports a child in the Home. Some are sending more, and some less.

We would suggest that all of our Sunday schools adopt the plan of giving something each month to the support of our orphan children. Let out women continue to send in boxes of clothing for girls and boys from two to sixteen years old, and let our churches send in all kinds of provisions from the farm, and from the store, everything that is needed in the ordinary home, taking advantage whenever possible of the Thanksgiving cars, which will carry everything free of charge.

Pray for the Home and its management.

JACK CRANFORD,

T. J. KEEVAN,

D. McCURDY,

EUGENE LYON.

Reprt on temperance read by R. C. Murray, and after being discussed by R. C. Murray, D. W. Estes, R. P. Barnes, was adopted.

Temperance.

Your committee on temperance begs to submit the following:

We rejoice in the success that the friends of God and humanity has had in their efforts to put down the use of strong drink up to this time, but we have only been cutting off the branches or daming up the streams that flow or grow from this corrupt tree. John, The Baptist, said the ax is laid at the roots of the tree. We may cut off the branches by local option, but at the root it will spring up again and the friends of this great cause should never slacken their hold or abate their energies until they have secured a national law that will not allow it made in the United States, and not allow it shipped into our country. But while we are engaged in this great task still there is a greater task in planting a settled conviction in the hearts of the coming generations, that it is wicked and mean and destructive to life, happiness and peace, and will finally land the soul in hell. The use of strong drink is not the only thing that gives offense. Intemperance in dress, conversation and conduct should

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be carefully looked after. We may as truly say, as the women in Saul's day, war has slain its thousands but intemperance its tens of thousands.

Ah! friends of God and humanity, work, vote and pray that God will give us a saloonless land, a sober nation, a pure white flag, that we may say to the world of mankind, we love the good and hate the evil.

J. A. JOHNSTON,
R. C. MURRY,
R. P. BARNES,
D. W. ESTES.

Motion by Jno. L. Johnson that M. P. L. Love be named as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that Jno. L. Johnson be named as a committee of one to raise money necessary for his expenses to convention.

Report on nomination read by L. G. Gates, and adopted.

Report on Nomination.

Place of meeting, Hattiesburg. Time, Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, September 12, 1916.

Sermon Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. by Rev. E. E. Dudley; alternate, J. A. Lee.

Executive committee,

JOHN T. CHRISTIAN,
S. C. CULPEPPER,
JNO. B. SALMOND,
N. R. McCULLOUGH.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, M. P. L. Love.

Vice-President of home missions, J. L. Lowe.

Vice-President of foreign missions, Rev. T. W. Green.

Treasurers' Report
Lebanon Baptist Association

October 27, 1915

CHURCH	MINUTES	Colptge.	St. Missions,	Home Missions	Fr. Missions	Orphanage
McLaurin,	1.25		\$	\$	\$	\$
Red Creek,	3.00					
Zion Hill	2.00	5.00	15.30			
Purvis,	4.25					
Moselle,	2.25		6.64			
Ellisville,	4.00					
Perkinston,	.75		12.09			
Carnes,	1.00					
Immanuel,	4.00	10.00				
Brooklyn	2.50					
Heidelberg	2.00	5.00				
Wausau,	1.50		22.00			
Wiggins,	3.00					
Sandersville,	2.25		8.00	8.00	8.00	2.00
Shady Grove	2.50					
Corinth	2.50					
Red Hill	1.50		2.10	2.00		
Richburg	1.50					
Kingston	2.50		44.37	1.35	1.35	
West End,	3.00					
Tucker's Crossing	1.00					
Fairfield,	1.00					
First, Hattiesburg	5.00	46.00				
5th Ave Hattiesburg,	2.50					
First Laurel	7.50	40.00				
General Collection		15.00				13.50
Brooklyn W. M. U.		1.00				
Sumrall	5.00					
Centerville (Soso)	2.00					
Lumberton	3.00					
Big Level (Lightsey)	1.50		3.00			
Petal	2.50					
Moneys of various funds paid out						
H'burg News, Mn'tes	20.80					
L. E. Lightsey		46.00				
J. B. Lawrence		76.00				
J. R. Carter,	57.45					
	\$78.25	\$122.00	\$113.50	\$11.35	\$9.35	\$15.50

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On motion of L. G. Gates that association empower and instruct the executive committee to grant letters of dismissal to any church that might apply for such letter, in due form, before the next regular meeting of the association.

Motion by L. G. Gates that L. E. Lightsey be retained as association missionary at same salary as the past year, \$1,000.00, and that all churches contribute to his support on same basis as for association year 1915, it being understood and agreed that should any church or churches withdraw from association during the year, it would not affect this arrangement, but such churches would continue to support said missionary on same basis, co-operating with the Lebanon Association in this missionary work until the close of this association year. Carried.

The above motion was made by M. P. L. Love, but withdrawn by him after considerable discussion. It was later renewed by L. G. Gates and passed unanimously.

Chairmen Committees 1916.

B. Y. P. U.—Jesse Myer.
Sunday Schools—Sam Lindsey.
Foreign Missions—Jno. T. Christian.
Home Missions—J. L. Lowe.
State Missions—E. E. Dudley.
Association Missions—L. E. Lightsey.
Denominational Education—O. N. Herrington.
Baptist Hospitals—L. G. Gates.
Layman's Work—Joe Pack.
Woman's Work—T. W. Green.
Orphanage—S. C. Culpepper.
Publication—J. N. McMillin.
Ministerial Education—T. B. Geiger.
Aged Ministers' Relief—
Temperance—Goode Montgomery.

Committee on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

Gaines Hightower, Hattiesburg; O. D. B. Causey, Hattiesburg; Prof. Claude Bennett, Hattiesburg; Sam Lindsey, Laurel; Goode Montgomery, Laurel; Jesse Myer, Ellisville; J. B. Salmond, Lumberton; Dr. S. C. Culpepper, Bond; M. W. Griffin, Lucedale and D. A. Hogan, Brooklyn.

On motion, the W. M. U. are requested to meet on the same day of the association.

On motion, that the proceedings of the W. M. U. be printed in our minutes.

Motion, that the association express its appreciation to M.

P. L. Love for his excellent manner of dispatching the business of the association.

Motion, that Treasurer A. Polk write to those churches that have not sent in money for minutes and clerk.

Motion, that clerk have minutes printed and distributed and that he be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

Resolved, that our unbounded thanks and heartfelt appreciation be extended to Ellisville church, W. M. U., and citizens, for the gracious hospitality, the thoughtful kindness in all the arrangements for our comfort and entertainment, and untiring courtesy and constant attention which has been extended to us.

On motion association adjourned to meet with Immanuel church at Hattiesburg at 7:45 p. m., September 12, 1916.

O. D. Bowen led in a closing prayer.

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W. M. U. Meeting

The W. M. U. of The Lebanon Association held their twenty-first meeting in the Baptist church at Ellisville, Miss., Tuesday, October 19, 1915.

The first session was called to order by vice-president, Mrs. B. S. Shinn, at 10:30 a.m. Meeting was opened by singing the "Doxology," lead in prayer by Mrs. L. G. Gates, after which Mrs. Lowe conducted the devotional exercises. Scripture, Matthew 28th chapter. Mrs. W. L. Pack delivered the welcome address, making every one feel perfectly at home and thoroughly welcome.

We then sung hymn No. 269.

Our vice-president next made a short but very effective talk, thanking all the W. M. U. for their help and co-operation in the work during the past year, and asking God's greatest blessing on them during the year to come.

The secretary, Mrs. O. Briant, being absent, Mrs. P. M. McDonald was asked to take her place.

Reports of societies were next called for.

Mrs. Meadow Leggett gave a beautiful talk on "Sunbeams."

Other members on the program were absent. Ellisville quartette rendered "To The Haven of Thy Breast." The "Standard of Excellence" was then read, after which there was a round table discussion.

Mrs. Jarvis gave a very interesting paper on state missions.

Song, "Stand Up For Jesus. Closing prayer by Mrs. Frank Denham.

Afternoon Session.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. T. Smallwood. Chapter read, 1st chapter of Ephesians. Prayer by Mrs. J. C. Parker.

Committees were next appointed.

Resolution committee—Mrs. L. G. Gates, Mrs. Gunstreet, Mrs. Polk.

Advisory committee—Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Joe Williams.

Reports left over from morning.

Secretary next called for talk and report on Y. W. A. work, by Mrs. Lawrence Willson. She asked for prayers for the work and personal prayer for herself that she might make a more efficient leader.

Prayer by Miss Trailer.

Report by Bro. Lipsey.

Special song, "Come Holy Spirit."

A very interesting and much enjoyed talk on W. M. U. work by Mrs. Johnston, followed with prayer by Mrs. Cranford.

Mrs. Pack gave a talk on "Our Relation to Devotional Schools."

Miss Trailer made a very instructive talk on our training school.

Solo, "Hold Thou My Hand."

Reports and adoption of all committees.

Mrs. B. S. Shinn was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Ellis of Hattiesburg, secretary and treasurer.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," followed by prayer by Mrs. Gates.

Report of Advisory Committee.

Your advisory committee recommends:

1. That you place the "Standard of Excellence" before your meeting until each member is not only perfectly familiar with it, but also have attained its standards.
2. That we recommend not only a mission study class, but Bible study also.
3. We also recommend that we have a personal service committee and this committee emphasize the scriptural side of the work, holding cottage prayer meetings, and do more visiting, so that we may know each other better in a religious way.
4. That unions having members employed and unable to attend, yet active in all other lines, be counted as active members.
5. That we recommend the reading of our own literature and periodicals, Royal Service, Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal.
6. That we recommend that we give in each quarter to a definite object, corresponding with the S. B. C.
7. That we recommend that each society in association continue to be responsible for a certain amount for the defraying of the expenses of our vice-president, and an annual report be given by her.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHRISTIAN,

MRS. LOWE,

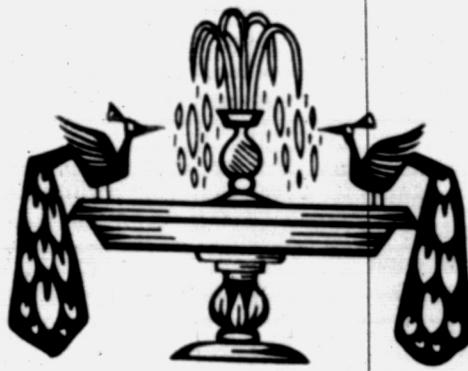
MRS. WILLIAMS.

Expression of Thanks.

In behalf of the W. M. U. of Lebanon Association, we desire to express our hearty thanks to the sisters and other ladies of El- lisville:

1. For the warm welcome they have accorded us.
2. For the well-planned and well-rendered program, which has been an inspiration to all.
3. For the christian fellowship which has permeated our meeting.
4. For the sumptuous dinner so thoroughly enjoyed.

MRS. L. G. GATES,
MRS. C. A. GUMSTREET,
MRS. A. POLK.



Purvis Mrs. F. D. Myers Mrs. J. M. Clark
Sumrall Mrs. B. M. Myers Mrs. J. M. Clark

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Date	Place	
November 1894	Hattiesburg	O. D. B
September 1895	Poplarville	" 4
September 1896	Ellisville	"
December 1897	Purvis	"
September 1898	Shady Grove	"
September 1899	Eastabuchie	"
August 1900	Hattiesburg	"
August 1901	Lumberton	"
September 1902	Laurel	"
September 1903	McHenry	"
November 1904	Ellisville	"
November 1905	Hattiesburg	
	Columbia St.	I. P. T
November 1906	Wiggins	"
November 1907	Poplarville	"
October 1908	Hattiesburg	
	Immanuel	"
October 1909	Laurel W. End	"
October 1910	Hattiesburg	
	First	"
October 1911	Sumrall	"
October 1912	Big Level	"
October 1913	Laurel, Kings.	
October 1914	Bond	
October 1915	Ellisville	

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

Lebanon Association

Date	Place		Clerk	Membership	Total Contributions
November 1894	Hattiesburg	O. D. E	C. G. Elliott	1131	\$.....
September 1895	Poplarville	"n	"	1183	5,875.15
September 1896	Ellisville	"	"	1556	3,112.78
December 1897	Purvis	"	"	1421	5,360.15
September 1898	Shady Grove	"	"	1624	6,345.89
September 1899	Eastabuchie	"	"	1746	7,085.75
August 1900	Hattiesburg	"	"	1841	10,689.95
August 1901	Lumberton	"	"	1909	18,473.82
September 1902	Laurel	"	"	2575	28,853.31
September 1903	McHenry	"	"	B. C. Fox	2761 17,112.90
November 1904	Ellisville	"	"	W. K. Red	3241 28,870.32
November 1905	Hattiesburg	Columbia St.	I. P. Tr		
November 1906	Wiggins	"er	"	3507	22,237.17
November 1907	Poplarville	"	"	3803	31,407.60
October 1908	Hattiesburg		A. L. O'Briant	4150	33,921.87
	Immanuel	"			
October 1909	Laurel W. End	"		4638	31,679.96
October 1910	Hattiesburg	"		4357	39,696.35
	First	"			
October 1911	Sumrall	"		4845	41,801.37
October 1912	Big Level	"		4902	42,697.08
October 1913	Laurel, Kings.	M. P. L.		5229	51,165.06
October 1914	Bond	" ve		5549	52,909.06
October 1915	Ellisville	"	L. E. Lightsey	5647	58,340.50
				6015	42,819.28

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE					Total Membership	Deaths	Excluded	Dismissed	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home	
					Letter	Baptism	2	786							
Hattiesburg First	J. T. Christian	Hattiesburg	E. N. Pack	Hattiesburg	35	65	40	2	786	\$ 45,000.00					
Hattiesburg Main St.	E. E. Dudley	Hattiesburg	A. V. Hays	Hattiesburg	43	17	27	2	593	35,000.00					
Hattiesburg, 5th Ave.	J. N. McMillan	Hattiesburg	T. B. Geiger	Hattiesburg		16	20		157	4,650.00					
Hattiesb'g Immanuel	T. W. Green	Hattiesburg	R. G. Anderson	Hattiesburg	36	48	40		270						
Laurel First	L. G. Gates	Laurel	D. M. Beard	Laurel	80	56	24	2	515	20,000.00					
Laurel, Kingston	J. E. Cranford	Laurel	E. E. Cooley	Laurel	21	20	11		300	5,000.00					
Laurel West End	J. C. Parker	Laurel	W. B. Moody	Laurel	83	39	35	8	464	6,250.00					
Laurel Wausau	W. R. Alman	Mize	O. J. Cowart	Laurel	8	12	8	1	68	3,000.00					
Lumberton	J. A. Lee	Silver Creek	T. C. McLain	Lumberton	15	4	6	1	171	4,000.00					
Moselle	C. M. Grayson	McGhee	T. U. Collins	Moselle	16	7	8	1	119	1,500.00					
McLaurin	C. E. Bass	Picayune	J. W. Ester	McLaurin		3	2		52					800.00	
Sandersville	J. P. Culpepper	Poplarville	W. M. Horden	Sandersville		15	35	3	228	5,000.00					
Purvis	R. N. Davis	Perkinston	C. E. Thomas	Purvis	4	7	3		44	400.00					
Helena	J. L. Lowe	Ellisville	S. B. Randall	Carnes	5	7	15	3	275	2,000.00					
Ellisville	J. A. Johnson	Bond	L. W. Ruffin	Ellisville	13	12	3		144	3,160.00					
Bond	C. E. Bass	Picayune	J. R. Davis	Bond		2	2		110	600.00					
Big Level	T. W. Green	Hattiesburg	L. S. Breeland	Wiggins R. F. D.	9	2									
Richburg	L. D. Bassett	Louis	J. S. Barnes	Richburg		4	7		50	600.00					
Tucker's Cross'g	C. M. Grayson	McGhee	W. L. Lightsey	Laurel R. F. D.	4	4	2		64	700.00					
Red Hill	J. N. McMillan	Hattiesburg	J. T. Pearce	New Augusta	12	12	2		91	800.80					
Heidelberg	R. W. Bryant	Hattiesburg	H. M. Satcher	Heidelberg	5	3	2	1	156	1,500.00					
Petal	C. M. Morris	Sumrall	J. G. Herrod	Petal	12	3	5	5	99	1,500.00					
Zion Hill	O. N. Herrington	Wiggins	John L. Davis	Hattiesburg	6	9	12	2	315	4,000.00	1,500.00				
Sumrall	C. E. Bass	Picayune	A. T. Schwartz	Sumrall	24	19	14	2	251	4,000.00	1,000.00				
Wiggins	R. G. Joiner	Picayune	A. W. Bond	Wiggins	3	13	3		60	500.00					
Perkinston	R. N. Davis	Newton	T. P. Wyatt	Perkinston	16	3	2	2	89	500.00					
Red Creek Union	J. P. Nix	Perkinston	E. E. Flury	Vestry	14	1	7		142	1,000.00					
Brooklyn	R. W. Bryant	Sanford	D. A. Hogan	Brooklyn	6	12	6		81	1,000.00					
Corinth	A. A. Bryant	Hattiesburg	J. A. Patrick	Heidelberg		5	6		84	1,000.00					
Baxterville	R. J. O. Bryant	Sanford	A. O. Courtney	Faxterville		6			71						
Centerville			Bruce Hillburn	Centerville	45	26			70	1,500.00					
Shady Grove			O. D. Lee	Vossburg	3				96	500.00					
Fairfield			J. L. Watkins	Sanford	8	9	30	2	260	1,800.00	1,500.00				
Lucedale			O. E. Ward	Lucedale	16	7			16						
Total					543	486	345	27	6015	\$150,960.00	\$1,600.00				

Report from Eastabuchie

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School Missions												Other Objects												Totals
		Home use W. M. U.				B. Y. P. U. Encampment				Minutes and Clerk				Hospitals				Colleges and Schools				Foreign Missions				
Philathea																										
Hattiesburg First	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1.80	\$ 348.86	\$ 290.55	\$ 38.31	\$ 46.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 733.43	\$ 484.39	\$ 81.95	\$ 2,513.29	\$ 61.30	\$ 125.00	\$ 76.60	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 388.94	\$ 3	\$ 16.00						\$ 1,250.76	
Hattiesburg Main St.	1,800.00	1.28	1,275.45	246.45	150.00	201.15	60.00	254.24	105.39	75.00	93.33	30.00	9.30												20.80	
Hattiesburg 5h Ave.	785.00		46.40		52.81		1.70	25.60	33.20	33.20	42.00			130.00												9,016.21
Hattiesburg Immanuel	383.71	1.15	84.25	54.75	61.27	10.00	120.00	200.00	160.00	221.00	31.30			51.35												1,372.86
Laurel First	2,100.00	1.45	1,227.72		260.00	10.00	120.00	200.00	160.00	221.00	50.00			12.50												1,077.53
Laurel Kingston	1,150.00	1.57	53.99	65.60	68.00	53.60	25.00	48.22	22.05	38.09	21.90		7.00	41.10	115.75											6,161.37
Laurel W. End	1,200.00	1.70	171.35	90.25	125.04	42.15	30.00	100.00	65.00	80.00	38.62	105.00	6.41	27.50	10.00	10.00										2,697.53
Laurel Wausau	240.00	1.00	57.00	31.41	18.00		15.00	14.00	6.00	8.05	1.00	7.50		10.00	10.00											2,189.09
Lumberton	400.00	0.63	1.62		34.67			6.05		17.75	120.00															662.05
Moselle	110.00	0.63	1.62																							661.72
McLaurin	50.00	8.75	6.20	126.00			6.10	2.00																		432.84
Sandersville	200.00			5.00																						56.25
Purvis	424.55		32.05				3.25	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.00															231.10
Helena	100.00	0.00			34.24				50.05		3.12															548.26
Ellisville	700.00	0.00	91.76		24.00			3.90	65.65	1.00	4.00		16.00		5.00	1.00										620.48
Bond	360.00	1.43			37.74		20.00	68.90	19.30	49.40	120.30	6.35	28.15	25.00	25.00										920.20	
Big Level					40.38		24.80	20.00	10.00	10.00	37.27		12.43	10.50											2,118.10	
Fairfield	75.00						2.00	3.00																		824.78
Tucker's Crossing	100.00		11.50		8.00		3.50		1.35	1.35	6.00															117.70
Shady Grove	200.00				4.00				1.50																	2.00
Red Hill	150.00		37.50					7.50		7.50																152.30
Heidelberg	200.00				18.55			2.10		2.00																183.95
Petal	150.00	16.87	55.00	12.26			5.00	10.60	9.70	9.70	4.50															341.60
Zion Hill	150.00	15.15	35.00	2.50			10.00	20.00	6.00	6.50																237.50
Sumrall	917.00	19.50	46.88	69.40	93.66	35.00	5.00	67.50	93.70	83.70	95.00		5.00	20.00												241.43
Wiggins	600.00	54.50	175.00	4.80	52.50	25.00	35.00	82.00	60.00	49.00	33.80															144.92
Perkinston	150.00	0.00			44.50	3.00		2.50		5.00																10.00
Red Creek Union	150.00							2.50																		662.09
Brenton	172.75		5.00				2.15	16.80	4.00	3.00	16.20															208.00
Cuth	127.30						2.00	7.00	12.00	3.25																150.35
Baxterville	64.80						10.00																			156.45
Centerville																										74.10
Helena																										2.00
Richburg																										
Lucedale	400.00	0.00	65.00	96.75	45.00	25.00	12.60		39.36	59.04																43.00
Total	\$16,003.56	\$14.576	\$3,600.60	\$992.41	\$1,429.02	\$449.00	\$451.60	\$1,343.84	\$1,584.32	\$1,382.17	\$881.99	\$2,662.14	\$85.59	\$452.95	\$322.35	\$83.60	\$25.00	\$690.69	\$9	\$116.00	\$62.03	\$2,552.37	\$36,883.21			

No report from Eastabogie

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

	SUPERINTENDENTS	SECRETARY	POST OFFICE				PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
First Hrg	W. L. Pack,	J. B. Walker,	Hattiesburg,	300	51	25	\$ 290.55	E. G. Hightower,
Main Stesburg	M. P. L. Love.	Ellis Hickman	Hattiesburg,	420	38	35	150.00	O. B. D. Causey,
Immanuiesburg.	Claud Bennett	Luther McBride,	Hattiesburg,	285	20		61.27	Mrs. T. W. Green,
Fifth Avattiesbur-	T. B. Geiger,	R. Evans,	Hattiesburg,	150	20		52.81	Miss Mattie L. Morris,
First, La	Sam Lindsey,	Frank Beard	Laurel,	225	23	60	260.37	Frank Beard,
Kingstoel.	Goode Montgomery,	Paul Harper,	Laurel,	178	13	17	68.00	Paul Harper,
West Enel.	W. O. Hedgepath	Virge Toller,	Laurel,	450	20	60	125.04	W. O. Hedgepath,
Wausau,	T F. Keevan,	Miss Lucy Bunch,	Laurel,	67	6	2	18.00	Mrs. Annie Lee Dupriest,
Bond,	S. C. Culpepper,	Miss Mollie Calhoun,	Bond,	80	12		40.38	
Lumbert	C. T. Corothers,	Dave Jones Freeman,	Lumberton,	129	10	15	34.67	
Moselle	Q. C. Collins.	T. U. Collins,	Moselle,	107	6	13	13.80	
McLauri			McLaurin,					
Sandersv			Sandersville,					
Purvis,	T. W. Davis,	Edwin McNair,	Purvis,	125	13		34.24	J. D. Houston,
Helena,	C. A. Lawshe,	Flora Baxter,	Carnes,	74	6	3	24.00	Edwin McNair,
Ellisville	C. S. Williams,	S. J. Gearar,	Ellisville,	130	12		37.74	Jesse Myer
Big Leve	J. A. McMurphy,	Miss Allie Breland,	Picayune,					S. J. Grear,
Fairfield	S. W. Patrick,	J. C. Watkins,	Sandford, R. F. D.					
Tucker'sng.	D. E. Brooks,	Miss Eula Brooks,	Ellisville, Route 4,	50	4		8.00	
Red Hill			McGhee,				4.00	
Shady G			Heidelberg,					
Heidelbe	W. E. King,	Miss Alice White,	Heidelberg,	60	9	5	12.26	
Petal,	D. W. Drawn	J. L. Herrod,	Petal,	100	7		2.50	
Zion Hill	N. J. Pack,	N. N. Davis,	Hattiesburg,	60	5	5	8.00	
Sumrall,	A. T. Schwartz,	A T. Schwartz,	Sumrall,	175	10		93.63	Grover Parker
Wiggins,	A. W. Bond,	Miss Vasti Bush,	Wiggins,	87	9		62.50	Tom Tenant,
Perkinste								
Red Creon,	J. L. Flury	Bertha Flury,	Daisy,	40	5			
Brooklyn	D. A. Hogan,	Rienbert Simon,	Brooklyn,	90	6			
Corinth,	J. Robinson,	Verna Morgan,	Heidelberg,	35	5			
Baxtervil	A. Q Courtney,	W. T. Hough,	Baxterville,	80	6		12.00	
Centervil				16	10		45.00	
Lucedale	W. J. Hunt,	Hazel Jones,	Lucedale,	3513	318	230	\$1358.76	

No report Eastabuchie

B. Y. P. U.

Woman's Missionary Union

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